

SENATE BILL No. 174

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 26-2-10.

Synopsis: Repossession of motor vehicles. Provides that a person who repossesses a motor vehicle or watercraft must, either before repossessing the motor vehicle or watercraft or not later than one hour after repossessing the motor vehicle or watercraft, provide a law enforcement agency with: (1) the identity of the repossession agent; (2) a description of the motor vehicle or watercraft; (3) the name and address of the person believed to be in possession of the motor vehicle or watercraft (or believed to have been in possession of the motor vehicle or watercraft); and (4) the address where the motor vehicle repossession agent found the motor vehicle or watercraft, or believes that the motor vehicle or watercraft will be found. Makes failure to notify a Class C infraction.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 26-2-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2009]:

4 **Chapter 10. Repossessing Motor Vehicles or Watercraft**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle" means a vehicle**
6 **that is self-propelled.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle repossession**
8 **agent" means a person who physically repossesses a motor vehicle**
9 **or watercraft on behalf of another person or on the person's own**
10 **behalf.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "repossess" or "repossesses"**
12 **means to take possession of personal property used as collateral**
13 **under IC 26-1-9.1-609.**

14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "watercraft" has the meaning set**
15 **forth in IC 9-13-2-198.5.**

16 **Sec. 5. (a) A motor vehicle repossession agent who repossesses**
17 **or intends to repossess a motor vehicle or watercraft, must provide**



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the following information, if available, to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the location where the motor vehicle repossession agent believes that the motor vehicle or watercraft will be found:

- (1) The identity of the repossession agent.
- (2) A description of the motor vehicle or watercraft.
- (3) The name and address of the person believed to be currently in possession of the motor vehicle or watercraft (if the repossession has not yet occurred), or believed to have been in possession of the motor vehicle (if the repossession has already occurred).
- (4) The address where the motor vehicle repossession agent believes that the motor vehicle or watercraft will be found (if the repossession has not yet occurred), or the address where the motor vehicle was found when it was repossessed.

(b) A motor vehicle repossession agent must provide the information described in subsection (a):

- (1) before the repossession occurs; or
- (2) not later than one (1) hour after the repossession.

Sec. 6. A motor vehicle repossession agent who violates section 5 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

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